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In re

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“REACTION VESSELS, A SET OF SUCH  
VESSELS, AND AN IMMUNOLOGICAL ASSAY  
METHOD AND APPARATUS IMPLEMENTING  
SUCH SETS OF VESSELS”

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated May 23, 2001, and made final, please amend  
the application as follows. Applicants believe the amendments set forth herein put this  
application in condition for allowance.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A reaction vessel for automatic apparatus for immunological  
assay, the vessel comprising walls in the form of a vessel for receiving a sample to be tested,  
a test reagent, and a substrate coupled with a chemiluminescent substance, and also a filling  
opening, wherein the walls are proof against any light emitted by the chemiluminescent  
substance, apart from a window for reading the intensity of any light emitted by the reaction  
mixture formed by the sample to be tested, the reagent, and the substrate, and wherein the  
window corresponds to the filling opening of the vessel and wherein the window is

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